



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

PATENT

In Re Application of:

John G. McBride

Serial No.: 09/273,784

Filed: March 22, 1999

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
EVALUATING THE QUALITY  
OF NETWORK NODES

) Group Art Unit: 2123  
) Examiner: Phan, T.  
) Confirmation No. 7570  
) TKHR Dkt. No. 50814-1470  
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RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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The Office Action mailed October 6, 2003 (Paper No. 17) has been carefully considered. In response thereto, Applicant respectfully requests consideration of the following remarks and withdrawal of the rejections.

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Transmitted herewith is/are the following in the above-identified application:

- (X) Response/Amendment ( ) Petition to extend time to respond  
 ( ) New fee as calculated below ( ) Supplemental Declaration  
 (X) No additional fee (Address envelope to "Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment")  
 ( ) Other: \_\_\_\_\_ (fee \$ \_\_\_\_\_)

CLAIMS AS AMENDED BY OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY						
(1) FOR	(2) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	(3) NUMBER EXTRA	(4) HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	(5) PRESENT EXTRA	(6) RATE	(7) ADDITIONAL FEES
TOTAL CLAIMS	20	MINUS	20	= 0	X \$18	\$ 0
INDEP. CLAIMS	3	MINUS	3	= 0	X \$86	\$ 0
[ ] FIRST PRESENTATION OF A MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM						+ \$290
EXTENSION FEE	1ST MONTH \$110.00	2ND MONTH \$420.00	3RD MONTH \$950.00	4TH MONTH \$1480.00		\$ 0
OTHER FEES						\$
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT						\$ 0

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Date: Jan. 6, 2004